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SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT - MRS. ROBERT CARLETON

REF: GUATEMALA 2669

1. MRS. CARLETON VISITED AID DIRECTOR EDWARD COY MAY 23, AS EXPECTED (SEE REFTEL). IN MEETING WITH COY, MRS. CARLETON GAVE HER WRITTEN CONCURRENCE TO OUR FORWARDING ALL RECORDS PERTAINING TO CARLETON RUBBER SUBLOAN TO AID/W AS PROPOSED IN AID/G LETTER TO MRS. CARLETON OF MAY 9, 1974. ON MAY 24 SHE RESCINDED AND CANCELLED IN WRITING HER REQUEST SINCE SHE FELT SHE SHOULD DISCUSS THIS WITH HER HUSBAND. SHE NONETHELESS ORALLY REQUESTED AID/GUATEMALA TO PROVIDE HER TWO SPECIFIC UNCLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS. AID DIRECTOR COY IN LETTER DATED JUNE 5 HAS PROVIDED MRS. CARLETON WITH ONE OF THESE DOCUMENTS WHILE EXPLAINING THAT SEARCH OF FILES HAS FAILED TO PRODUCE OTHER DOCUMENT (TEXTS OF COY LETTER AND WELL AS DOCUMENT TRANSMITTED, WHICH HAPPENS TO BE A LETTER TO HER HUSBAND ROBERT CARLETON DATED FEBRUARY 12, 1971 ARE CONTAINED IN GUATEMALA'S 2917). THE SECOND DOCUMENT WAS A CABLE WHICH SHE STATED WAS SENT IN 1970 OR 1971 FROM WASHINGTON TELLING THE MISSION "TO QUASH THE CARLETON NOISE." WE ARE UNABLE TO IDENTIFY THIS PUR-PORTED DOCUMENT IN OUR FILES. SUGGEST AID/W SEARCH ITS FILES TO LOCATE THE PURPORTED DOCUMENT IF IT EXISTS AND FORWARD COPY TO MRS. CARLETON IF RELEASE APPROPRIATE.

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2. AS FAR AS WE KNOW, MRS. CARLETON LEFT GUATEMALA FOR

MINNESOTA ON SCHEDULE ON MAY 29 AS FORESHADOWED IN HER LETTERS TO EMBASSY CONTAINED GUATEMALA 2670, 2671 AND 2672.

3. CONSUL GROSS SENT REGISTERED LETTER MAY 22 TO MRS. CARLETON WHICH ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT OF THREE LETTERS SHE ADDRESSED TO AMBASSADOR, RSO MYERS, AND COONSUL GROSS MAY 21, AND WHICH INFORMED HER THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES HER REQUEST HAD BEEN SUBMITTED TO DEPARTMENT FOR CONSIDERATION (PARA 2 REFTEL). PHOTOCOPIES OF GROSS LETTER HAVE BEEN POUCHED TO ARA/CEN JUNE 4 IN ORDER COMPLETE WASHINGTON FILES ON THIS SUBJECT.

4. ONCE DECISION HAS BEEN MADE BY DEPARTMENT, WE BELIEVE IT PREFERABLE THAT ANY STATE DEPARTMENT DOCUMENTS TO BE GIVEN TO HER SHOULD BE RELEASED IN WASHINGTON RATHER THAN IN GUATEMALA.

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